

REMARKS

Claims 11-15 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, Claim 10 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and Claims 11-15 are amended. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following Remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office action indicates that Claims 11-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as set forth in the outstanding Office action.

I. Formal Matters

The Office action objects to the specification because of minor informalities. The objection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, Page 26 of the specification is amended to indicate that the elements Q36-Q39 are transistors, and that the element Q40 is a diode-connected transistor, as suggested by the Examiner.

In addition, the last paragraph of Page 30 spanning to Page 31 of the specification is also similarly amended to indicate that the elements Q56-Q59 are transistors, and that the element Q60 is a diode-connected transistor, as suggested by the Examiner.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Satisfy the Requirements of 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

The Office action rejects Claims 10-15 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph asserting that these claims are indefinite. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the suggestions provided by the Examiner in amending the claims to overcome the rejection of Claims 11-15 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, Claims 11-15 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions during the November 14, 2003 telephone interview to satisfy the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects Claim 10 under 35 USC 103(a) over Mihailovits et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,847,605, hereinafter "Mihailovits") in view of Okanobu (U.S. Patent No. 4,965,528, hereinafter "Okanobu"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, Claim 10 is canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Should Examiner Englund believe anything further would be desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

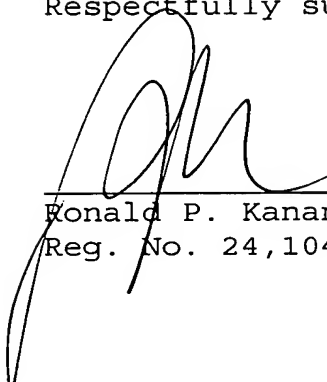
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